refer to answer to Unstarred Question 807 given in Rajya Sabha on 28th February, 1989 and state:

(a) what are the details of advantages of Analgin over Paracetamol Ibuprofen and Asprin and for what indication each is used;

(b) whether it is a fact that other drugs are safer to be used; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for allowing continuation of this drug for human consumption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The reported advantages of Analgin over other analgesics (pain killers) are that it is a more potent pain killer and unlike most of the pain killers the drug can also be given intravenously in emergency conditions. Analgesic antipyretics are indicated for alleviating pain and fever.

(b) and (c) The side effects of non-steroidal analgesics drugs a recomparable to each other and each group has its own characteristic side effects.

ORS under Drugs and Cosmetics Act

2213. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 793 given in Rajya Sabha on 28th February, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that manufacture of ORS is covered under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act;

(b) whether it is also a fact that manufacturing permission of ORS is needed from the State Drug Authorities under the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules;

(c) if so, the names of the companies who are licensed to produce ORS in the country;

(d) what is the composition of ORS allowed in the country and what is the specification of each component of ORS; and

(e) the names of the drugs based on which ORS is being manufactured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Licence to manufacture drugs under the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules are granted by the licensing authorities appointed by the State Governments in their respective States. The names of all the companies who have been licenced to manufacture ORS are, therefore not available with the Central Government. However, some of the manufacturers of ORS are M/s Fair Deal Corporation, CIPLA, Roussel Pharmaceuticals, Albert David, Parke Davis etc.,

(d) and (e) Oral Rehydration Salts are oral powders containing Glucose or Dextrose, Sodium Chloride, Potassium Chloride, Sodium Bicarbonate or Sodium Citrate. Specification of individual ingredients i.e. inorganic salts and Glucose & Dextrose are mentioned in I.P. (Indian Pharmacopoeia) and B.P. (British Pharmacopoeia) and U.S.P. (United States Pharmacopoeia).

Production of ORS

2214. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 793 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th February, 1989 and state.

(a) what are the names of drugs that go into the production of ORS·

(b) whether inorganic salts and dextrose which is the composition of ORS falls in any pharmacopoeia; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?